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1. A distinct cleavage exists among some of the leading members of the reconstructed Communist Party of India (CPI) under the guidance of S. A. Dange, Dange, Ranjeswar Rao and Ajoy Ghose of Cawnpore, who are now on the newly formed Central Committee of the CPI, are advocating a "mild" program of constituting a United Democratic Front of the radical revolutionary groups, the Forward Bloc, RSP and RCPI. They state that the Comintern in 1935 found it expedient to form a united platform of leftist organizations during the Spanish Civil War against Fascist forces, and the CPI should follow the same principle of uniting against Anglo-American influence during the present Korean campaign. They even are willing to support Pandit Nehru's peace moves and his efforts to bring about the installation of Communist China's representative in the Security Council. According to Bannerji, Dange is pursuing a subtle line of action which may ultimately lead to the removal of the ban on the CPI by the GOI.
2. The Bengal Communists are, however, determined to work out the agrarian revolutionary program in West Bengal, Assam, East Pakistan and Bihar. Soumnath Lahiri, Biswanath Mukherji, Bhabhani Sen are organizing fighting corps in the districts of Midnapur, Hooghly, and in Asansol, Jharia, Dhanbad (the coal field areas of Bihar). The CP workers in Bengal are busy fomenting strikes in the Ordnance Factory at Ichapore, near Calcutta. The impending strike at the Ichapore Gun-Shell Factory is designed to slow down the manufacture of arms in this part of India. The All-India Trade Union Congress (AITUC), which has been dormant during the last six months, is again reviving its influence among the workers in 24 Perganas and in Hooghly.
3. Recently there have been Communist-sponsored robberies in Dhanbad, Jharia coal fields area, and in the Moonghyr district of Bihar. One of the leading workers of the CP in Bengal, Narayan Pal, is active in revolutionary work in Kanchrapara, where there is a state-owned railway workshop, and in Budge Budge (sic). Pal is a post graduate student, and he has some influence over leftist students as well as factory workers in the above mentioned districts.
4. The situation in Rowrah District, particularly in Ulbaria sub-division where the Dunlop Rubber Factory is located, has become so serious that the West Bengal Government has recently promulgated a punitive tax over the inhabitants of six villages.

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5. The removal of the ban on public meetings and demonstrations in Calcutta will be utilized by the AITUC in organizing mass rallies of discontented workers. When the food scarcity will be more keenly felt in the very near future, the Bengal Communists propose to organize hunger marches in the rural areas of Howrah, Hooghly and Midnapur.

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